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## KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE FAMILY CAMP June 9-15



Women's Retreat was held during the Kentucky-Tennessee Family Camp



Student Summer Service workers (left to right): Stevetta Green, Sandra Mason, Denada Cecil, and Ann Kampmeier (kneeling)



Chow time — always a happy occasion when Rev. Nightingale is the cook



Miss Helen Dizney, missionary speaker, using home-made chopsticks



Children admiring Japanese cherry tree with teacher, Mrs. James W. Simmons

## THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

On the evening of June 25, 1957, a new Protestant denomination, the United Church of Christ, came into existence. The solemn moment of union occurred when 714 church leaders, half of them representing the Congregational Christian churches and half the Evangelical and Reformed Church, voted to become one body and reverently sealed their merger with a prayer.

The uniting ceremony was preceded by an outdoor procession of brightly robed churchmen that began at the Cleveland Hotel, crossed the city's public square, and entered the music hall of the Cleveland Auditorium. Fraternal delegates representing thirty other Protestant denominations were in the line of march as well as officials of the World Council of Churches and the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U. S. A.

It marked a significant moment in American Pretestantism, for never before had two denominations with different forms of government managed to unite.

### DREAM FULFILLED

The members of the new First Congregational Church of Knoxville, Tenn., attended services in their new building on June 16. The church was organized Dec. 9, 1956, and has recently purchased for \$276,000 the building formerly used by the Second Presbyterian Church.

James D. Kerr is chairman of the church location committee and president of the First Congregational Holding Co., organized to sell stock which financed the purchase of the building. Other church officers are Wm. H. Graham, chairman of the budget committee; J. T. White, moderator and chairman of the steering committee; and Kenneth S. Coile, church clerk.

The church has been approved as a high potential project of the Board of Home Missions to receive financial assistance; and by the Board of Directors of the Southeast Convention, through its survey and church aid committee, for church aid. The Rev. Hugh Lasseiter, chairman of this committee, helped to establish the church through community surveys and guidance of the local group.

The Congregational Christian churches were founded by the Pilgrims and English Puritans and has maintained the freedom and autonomy of the local church. The Evangelical and Reformed Church grew out of the Protestant reformation in Germany and Switzerland and has a form of government similar to that of the Presbyterian church.

Under the terms of the union each church will be free to choose whichever form of church government it prefers.

Delegates elected a 15-member commission to draft a constitution for the United Church. This constitution will be in force when it has been approved by two-thirds of the Congregational Christian churches voting and two-thirds of the Evangelical and Reformed synods.

Attending this historic occasion for the Southeast Convention were Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Rufus G. Obrecht, Moderator of Kentucky-Tennessee Conference, and Pressley Ingram of Birmingham, Ala.

### People and Places . . . .

The Rev. Archie B. Bedford has resigned the pastorate at Charleston Circular Church due to the serious illness of his sister. Mr. and Mrs. Bedford will reside in Winchester, Ky. The Rev. A. Goff Bedford, son of Mr. A. B. Bedford, is supplying the pulpit during the interim.

Dr. Thomas Isbell is spending the summer months as Chaplain at the U. S. Naval Training Center in Great Lakes, Ill.

The Rev. Warren A. Klankenhorn is attending the Deering Pastor's School in New Hampshire in July.

The Rev. John D. Schofield of Gary, Ind., has accepted a call to serve the Lanett Congregational Church. He and his wife and daughter will move to Lanett Sept. 15th.

The Rev. Clarence Baldwin of Huntington, Ind., has accepted a call to serve Birmingham Pilgrim Church, and will assume his duties August 1st.

The Rev. R. Henry Abbott has resigned the pastorate at Tallassee Mt. Olive Church.

## Southern Union College

### Trustees Elected

Acting President Douglas Wasson has announced that seven trustees have accepted appointments to the board of trustees of the college. Nominated at the annual meeting, the announcement was withheld until appointments had been verified.

New members are: (Class of 1958) Mrs. Fernand P. Brasseur, Cleveland, Ohio; (Class of 1959) Dr. Vernon A. Loesch, Hinsdale, Illinois; (Class of 1961) the Rev. Roger T. Burton, Irvington, New Jersey; the Rev. Robbins E. Ralph, Avon Park, Fla.; the Rev. Ludwig C. Emigholz, Cleveland, Ohio; and Dr. Charles F. Parker, Prescott, Arizona. The first three listed were re-elected for a second term. Dr. Parker is a new member.

The Rev. Charles W. Bell, Roanoke, Ala., was elected to the Class of 1961 by the Alumni Association of the college. Mr. Bell was elected president of the SUC Alumni Association at its annual meeting, succeeding the Rev. W. Raymond Berry.

Walter J. Bartlett, Wedowee, was elected to the Class of 1960, succeeding Henry J. Riter III of West Orange, N. J.

Southern Union is under the control of the Board of Trustees, half of whom are elected by the Southeast Convention of Congregational Christian Churches and the remaining half by the Board itself. The Board has 32 members when at full strength.

### New Women's Dormitory

SUC recently received a gift of more than \$13,000 from a friend of the college in Florida, and now only \$4,000 is needed to complete the building. Tentative plans are for dedication services on Sept. 15. Advance registrations will fill the building to capacity. The present women's dormitory, Beougher Hall, will be filled with the overflow of men students from Kimball Hall.

SUC needs the help of friends to raise this last \$4,000 for completion of the building. Several groups are working on projects for furnishing the rooms. About \$1,000 is on hand toward this fund, and \$5,000 more will be needed. A room can be furnished for \$300 and will entitle the donor to a name plaque on the door.



# The Superintendent's Page

## Greetings

If your new superintendent has as much difficulty finding his way about in his new job as some members of his family have had in finding their way about Atlanta, the people and churches of the Southeast Convention are in for an interesting time. We had not been here two days before our two boys, Jimmy J. and Andy, got lost. And since then there have been several times when the rest of us were not exactly certain where we were. Of course our daughter, Leslie Hope, has been lost only because those in whom she placed confidence could not find their way. Now we are moved and at home at 1741 Cornell Road, N. E. The home is delightful and we know that we are going to enjoy living in it.

In the months ahead I hope to come to know more of our people, churches and ministers personally. There should be many opportunities for us to become acquainted. I will welcome invitations to come into your churches and to be of help to you as I am able. While there will be many times when I will be away from the office visiting churches and attending various kinds of meetings, I will be available in the office by appointment or, if you find me there, will be glad to see you at any time. I hope you will visit the convention office as you have opportunity when you are in Atlanta. Of course you all know the offices are located at the corner of Piedmont and Ponce de Leon Avenues in the Central Congregational Church building.

## Year Book Statistics

While statistics do not always tell the full story of any situation, they can be very revealing. Many of the churches of the convention are known to me only through the figures taken from the church reports and published in "The Year Book" of our Congregational

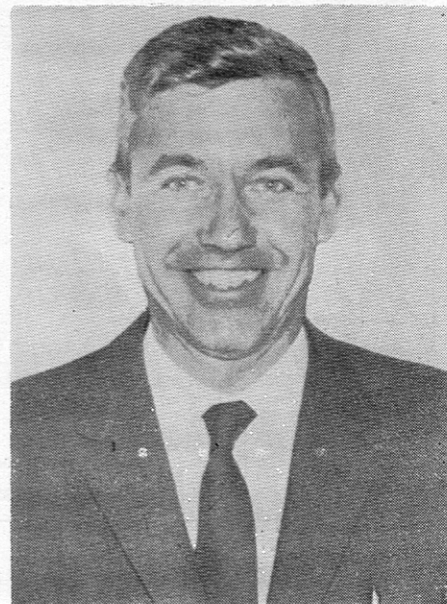
Christian Churches. Some of those figures for our Southeast Convention are published in this issue of *The Southeast News*.

Some of the figures give cause for enthusiasm and encouragement. We were among the conventions and conferences that showed an increase in giving to Our Christian World Mission. That should serve to stimulate us to increased effort in the present year and the year ahead. There is a grand opportunity to increase our support of Our Christian World Mission, for we averaged slightly less than \$3.00 per member for the year. Most of us will want to give far more than this for the work of the churches throughout the convention, the nation and the world.

The statistics give cause for a major concern. We were among the conventions and conferences reporting the loss of churches and in membership. One church dropped by the wayside in the Southeast Convention. But of even greater concern is the fact that we lost 376 members during the year when the denomination as a whole was showing a gain of 37,349. One of our major concerns during the year ahead should be the promotion of an energetic program of evangelism and education in our churches that we may secure new churches and members and help them to become a vital part of our fellowship. The new Committee on Evangelism has some definite ideas and you will be hearing from it in the near future. **WE NEED TO GROW!**

## Uniting General Synod

These words are being written before I leave for Cleveland, Ohio, to attend the Uniting General Synod of the United Church of Christ which will bring together our Congregational Christian churches and the Evangelical and Reformed Church. It is my happy privi-



REV. JAMES H. LIGHTBOURNE JR.

lege to attend as an "Associate Delegate" in order that I may be completely informed as to what has taken place and what we can expect in the years immediately ahead. You will be hearing from me about this historic meeting after my return, and I will welcome the opportunity to answer any questions you may wish to ask me in person or by mail.

The future always holds forth great promise. Our future in the southeast presents a great potential and challenge. It is good to be here to share with you in our common endeavors that we may meet the responsibilities and opportunities that are set before us. To us is given the task of presenting an effective Congregational Christian witness for the sake of Christ's Kingdom. With His leadership we can dare and do great things.

—James H. Lightborne, Jr.

**SOUTHEAST CONVENTION: Alabama (Including Florida Nos. 67-70);  
Georgia (Including South Carolina No. 105); Kentucky-Tennessee**

CHURCHES		MINISTERS		MEMBERS		Admitted		Removed			Average Attendance	Church School Membership	Young People's Organizations	OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION			OTHER GIFTS		Local Finances				
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														Conf.	Natl. Boards	Total							
ALABAMA CONFERENCE																							
Central Alabama Asso.																							
★	1 Clanton, East View	1919	(Inactive)	26	4										0	0	0	0	0	—	1,000		
	2 East Tallapoosa, Liberty	1890	D. H. Long	'54-'53	141	22	2	8	2	0	2	50	85	25	468	158	626	23	0	5,756	*11,500		
	3 Eclectic, Union	1890	(Part time supply)	137	13								35		0	0	0	0	0	250	2,000		
★	4 " Watson Chap.	1892	yA. Nelson, Lic.	'54	55	12	1	1	2	11		20		0	0	0	0	0	359	3,000			
	5 Mountain Creek, Union	1891	F. Carnack, Lay.	'56	56	9	6	7	0	1	1	60	15	22	8	30	82	0	1,355	x 8,000			
	6 Seman, Balm of Gilead	1890	(Part time supply)	125	12							26		20	10	39	0	0	361	3,000			
★	7 " Com.	1920	yA. Nelson, Lic.	'56	41	6	0	0	0	4	6	25		30	10	40	0	25	700	2,500			
★	8 Tallapoosa, Mt. Olive	1890	R. H. Abbott	'52-'56	107	40	1	4	2	4	14	52	18	72	24	96	40	60	2,899	x *14,000			
★	9 Thorsby, United	1905	N. A. Long	'19-'55	135	5						36	15	165	81	246	0	0	3,036	*16,500			
East Alabama Asso.																							
★	10 Alexander City, Antioch	1852	(Part time supply)	19	6	1	12	0	0	2		30		0	0	0	0	0	232	2,200			
★	11 " Hunt Mem.	1945		89	5	4	8	1	3	4		86	36	100	33	133	30	25	3,939	*18,000			
★	12 Ashland, Bethel	1892	yE. S. Fetner, Lic.	'56	57	27	0	2	1	1	9	33		0	0	0	0	0	1,358	8,000			
★	13 Cragford, Mt. Carmel	1891	(Part time supply)	132	12							41		0	0	0	0	0	665	1,000			
★	14 Dadeville Elder	1895	yG. R. Walker	'41-'56	87	51	0	0	1	4	6	43	12	53	18	71	6	0	619	17,500			
★	15 Daviston, a	1890	(Part time supply)	57	32									0	0	0	0	0	205	2,000			
★	16 Delta, Wesley's Chap.	1896	y(Part time supply)	63	35							18		0	0	0	0	0	560	3,000			
★	17 Five Points, State Line	1852	yW. A. Manley, Lic.	'53	62	19						35		0	0	0	0	0	634	4,000			
★	18 Goodwater, Oak Hill	1880	(Part time supply)	34	0							19		0	0	0	0	0	575	4,000			
★	19 LaFayette, b	1886	A. C. Nelson	'30-'56	83	7	5	5	2	5	41		30	35	80	27	107	0	88	1,616	25,000		
★	20 LaGrange, Hillside, Ga.	1921	R. L. Chatham	'52-'47	130	0	4	9	1	4	5		30	15	139	46	185	0	0	4,100	20,000		
★	21 Lanett	1896		427	21	6	29	1	6	8	155	306	20	632	211	843	472	0	9,072	x *205,000			
★	22 " Huguley	1944	E. V. Hand	'52-'57	115	4	4	17	5	2	7		75	14	90	30	120	0	0	3,085	*25,000		
★	23 Langdale	1930	C. W. Lewis, Meth.	'56-'56	250	33	1	6	1	0	39		181	18	915	305	1,220	0	0	9,410	x *52,000		
★	24 Lineville, Dingler's Chap.	1911	y(Part time supply)	47	14							34		0	0	0	0	0	460	3,500			
★	25 " New Harmony	1888	(Part time supply)	31	0									0	0	0	0	0	307	2,000			
★	26 " Shady Grove	1913	y(Part time supply)	31	11							14		0	0	0	0	0	730	1,500			
★	27 " Spring Hill	1916	y(Part time supply)	50	9							45		30	10	40	0	0	283	1,500			
★	28 Phenix City, United	1929	J. B. Crutcher	'54-'55	189	10	20	35	2	1	3	115	202	70	489	163	652	0	213	7,873	x *90,000		
★	29 Pisgah	1920	P. McCartt, Lic.	'56	125	5								0	0	0	0	0	240	8,000			
★	30 Roanoke, 1st	1923	yO. E. Sheppard	'39-'51	75	20	0	3	0	6	6	40	50		270	90	360	133	0	1,860	x 9,000		

a McGuire's Chap.

b Pleasant Grove

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★ 31	Roanoke, Antioch	1869	yA. C. Nelson	'30-'56	83	10	4	8	1	10	29	—	35	15	165	55	220	0	0	1,727	15,000
★ 32	" Bethany	1896	yW. A. Manley, Lic.	'53	50	14						—	34	—	27	9	36	0	0	909	3,000
★ 33	" Forest Home	1893	J. Dollar, Lic.	'56	52	0						—	5	—	68	12	80	5	0	200	3,000
★ 34	" Lowell	1900	C. W. Bell, i	'51-'56	150	15	1	7	1	0	1	85	128	22	56	19	75	17	0	3,480	*20,000
★ 35	" Mt. Zion	1893	yE. S. Fetner, Lic.	'56	108	55						—	47	—	11	4	15	0	0	405	2,500
★ 36	" New Hope	1849	yO. E. Sheppard	'39-'55	54		1	1	4	4	8	—	—	—	67	23	90	0	0	640	7,000
★ 37	" Rock Springs	1884	yG. R. Walker	'41-'55	79	30	0	0	1	4	9	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	350	3,000
★ 38	" Rock Stand	1908	yJ. W. Roberts, Lic.	'55	94	40						—	69	18	163	62	225	25	0	1,254	10,000
★ 39	Shawmut, Todd	1950	W. P. Pike	'32-'57	77	24						—	64	9	54	18	72	0	0	1,920	35,000
★ 40	Wadley	1911	A. R. Van Cleave	'32-'52	61	15	0	2	0	2	2	—	115		489	205	694	405	0	824	6,000
★ 41	" Beulah	1890	yJ. W. Roberts, Lic.	'54	28	0	0	0	1	1	2	30	44	10	45	15	60	0	100	1,362	2,000
★ 42	" Corinth	1893	yJ. W. Roberts, Lic.	'55	82	0						—	40		0	0	0	0	0	371	5,000
★ 43	Wedowee, Caver's Grove	1924	(Part time supply)		62	30	2	2	0	0	10	—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	300	3,000
★ 44	" Noon Day	1898	B. J. Traylor, Lic.	'56	113	57	1	2	1	1	7	—	50	—	34	11	45	9	130	1,249	10,000
★ 45	West Point, Bethel, Ga.	1948	W. M. McCullars, Lic.	'55	75	23	2	3	0	2	2	—	—	—	94	31	125	129	0	1,453	13,268
North Alabama Asso.																					
★ 46	Arley, Robertson's Chap.	1900	yR. M. Waugh	'51-'55	25	0	0	2	0	2	2	—	70	—	18	6	24	0	0	125	2,500
★ 47	Birmingham, Pilgrim	1903	C. W. Warren, Sup.	'19-'56	215	26						135	8	450	150	600	115	0	19,050	*90,000	
★ 48	Garden City	1918	yC. Seymour	'44-'56	39	4	2	6	0	3	9	32	36	16	162	63	225	10	5	2,039	x *12,000
★ 49	Hackleburg, Fairview	1891	yE. T. Shelton	'52-'55	22	4						40	47	0	44	15	59	0	0	300	3,000
★ 50	Haleyville, Union Grove	1891	yR. L. Shelton	'46-'56	19	3	0	2	2	1	3	75	39		35	12	47	6	323	611	x 14,000
★ 51	Houston, Liberty Hill	1879	yR. L. Shelton	'46-'56	10	0							10		13	4	17	0	0	177	2,000
★ 52	Moulton, Bethlehem	1940	(Inactive)		18	0						—	—	—	36	12	48	0	0		2,500
★ 53	" Jones Chap.	1896	G. L. Colbert	'42-'56	20	10						—	21		0	0	0	0	0	168	2,500
★ 54	Steele, Mt. Lebanon	1905	E. H. Smith	'46-'45	123	15	3	3	0	3	18		100	20	18	6	24	0	100	850	10,000
★ 55	Steppville, Mt. Grove	1891	yC. Seymour	'44-'56	83	12	0	2	0	2	2	40	55	16	68	23	91	5	15	2,118	6,000
★ 56	Town Creek, Liberty	1891	yR. M. Waugh	'51-'54	20		1	1	1	0	16		30		0	0	0	0	0	200	1,500
★ 57	Trinity, Caddo Friendship	1903	yE. T. Shelton	'52-'54	44		1	4	1	0	1	—	—	—	36	12	48	0	50	266	2,500
South Alabama-Northwest Florida Asso.																					
★ 58	Andalusia, Antioch	1873	W. R. Berry	'55-'54	101	30	1	1	0	0	0	55	97	9	229	76	305	35	5	3,950	*32,000
★ 59	" Coldwater	1925	(Part time supply)		125	7						—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	425	6,000
★ 60	" 1st	1843	K. Harris, Lay.	'56	81	0	3	8	0	2	23	63	85	25	107	36	143	0	0	3,775	26,000
★ 61	" New Home	1894	(Part time supply)		125	9						—	—	—	0	0	0	0	0	324	2,500
★ 62	Brantley, a	1919	yM. O. Worley	'41-'54	48	15	0	1	0	0	1	—	31		24	8	32	0	0	911	*8,000
★ 63	" Liberty	1887	yM. O. Worley	'41-'54	30		0	0	0	0	2	—	20		24	8	32	0	0	1,033	*6,000
★ 64	Clio, New Hope	1891	y		42	8	2	2	1	1	6	34	34		81	27	108	0	0	1,235	5,000
★ 65	Headland, Blackwood	1894	y		129	27	7	14	1	1	2	—	100	3	192	64	256	30	50	3,570	x *10,000
★ 66	Midland City, b	1893	y		18	11	0	0	1	3	4	—	—	—	23	7	30	5	20	240	2,000
Florida																					
★ 67	Baker, Good Hope	1922	yR. D. Worley	'50-'54	85	23	9	12	1	4	5	—	49	41	171	57	228	0	0	1,760	8,000



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68 Baker, Pyron's Chap.	1897	P. M. Griffith	'12-'53	41	10	1	1	0	4	9	50	77	45	15	60	0	0	620	x 2,500
* 69 Bonifay, New Effort	1888	W. G. Lindsey, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	48	4	1	1	3	0	5	60	50	154	51	205	0	0	1,303	x 7,500
* 70 Crestview, Dorcas	1892	y R. D. Worley	'50-'54	63	24	1	4	2	2	4	60	77	101	34	135	0	0	1,284	x *11,000
<b>GEORGIA-SOUTH CAROLINA CONFERENCE</b>																			
* 71 Ambrose	1912	W. A. Blankenhorn, <i>Lic.</i>	'55	44	0	3	3	0	0	0	—	50	98	32	130	50	26	1,117	x *18,000
* 72 Atlanta, Center	1886	J. T. McAdams, <i>Lic., a</i>	'56	54	14	1	1	0	2	8	—	45	188	37	225	0	10	3,146	x 26,000
* 73 " Central	1882	T. Anderson	'17-'44	666	39	32	55	3	21	25	—	177	2,076	744	2,820	150	385	29,874	*125,000
		H. C. Long, <i>Meth. Lic.</i>	'56																
* 74 Barnesville, Fredonia	1853	S. D. Nelson, Jr., <i>Lic.</i>	'56	84	13	0	1	1	1	2	—	49	128	42	170	0	0	2,867	x *25,000
* 75 Baxley, Friendship	1887	y R. N. Overstreet, b	'55	87	11	5	14	1	1	3	—	61	199	66	265	0	0	874	x 7,500
		(Part time supply)																	
76 Bowman, Liberty	1878	H. C. Eddleman	'14-'45	62	20	0	0	0	4	4	35	35	0	0	0	0	0	565	5,000
* 77 Braselton, Macedonia	1888	y R. N. Overstreet, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	58	10	0	0	1	1	13	—	34	19	6	25	0	0	1,000	*6,000
* 78 Bristol, Antioch	1897	y R. N. Overstreet, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	46	25	0	0	2	2	10	21	—	0	0	0	0	0	1,045	x 6,500
* 79 Buford, Duncan's Creek	1855	T. F. Shreve	'36-'56	91	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	—	56	19	75	0	0	1,660	4,000
* 80 Chipley, Oak Grove	1899	P. Doherty	'56-'58	122	15	2	12	3	3	6	85	62	272	91	363	0	75	3,600	x *31,500
* 81 Columbus, 1st	1903	Mrs. M. E. Doherty, d	'50-'55	95	3	3	10	2	1	3	60	97	135	45	180	65	230	3,600	x *25,000
		(Part time supply)																	
* 82 " United	1909	W. S. Wood	'53-'52	126	19	7	7	1	3	4	—	121	38	25	63	0	0	4,200	*54,000
* 83 Crest, Hebron	1889	(Part time supply)		48	8	0	0	1	0	1	—	—	3	1	4	0	0	2,216	10,000
* 84 Demorest, Fed.	1892	A. P. Wilson, <i>Disc.</i>	'57	56	4	5	5	4	4	10	45	66	367	322	689	0	0	2,087	20,000
85 Doerun, New Light	1904	(Part time supply)		118	6								0	0	0	0	0	320	2,000
* 86 " Poplar Arbor	1910	C. M. Levett, <i>Lic.</i>	'55	42	28	0	7	4	8	19	—	43	1	1	2	0	0	820	6,500
* 87 Douglas, 1st	1950	A. E. Hobbs, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	169	6							160	67	23	90	0	0	3,102	20,500
* 88 Enigma, Chr.	1908	y O. L. Culpepper, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	46	7	5	7	1	3	4	—	70	0	0	0	0	0	1,165	x *11,500
89 Ft. Valley, 1st	1945			153	0							35	0	0	0	0	0	1,305	9,000
* 90 " Society Hill	1932	A. W. Dorsey, <i>Lic.</i>	'53	44	0	5	5	1	0	71	—	85	31	10	41	0	0	580	7,000
* 91 Gaillard, Pleasant Hill	1883	y R. J. Ellerbee	'38-'48	47	0	0	0	0	3	4	30	—	11	4	15	0	0	460	2,500
* 92 Hampton, County Line	1888	R. J. Barnes, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	62	9	0	0	1	4	5	—	45	14	15	60	0	0	802	6,000
* 93 LaGrange, United	1903	S. D. Nelson, Jr., <i>Lic., Sup.</i>	'56	225	65	3	4	3	10	29	—	118	31	566	189	755	40	8,270	*82,000
* 94 Meansville, Cong.	1854	y T. Isbell	'36-'53	114	5								0	0	0	0	0	470	8,000
95 " Liberty	1892	(Inactive)		112	10								0	0	0	0	0	—	1,200
* 96 Oxford, Sardis	1888	R. G. Smith, Jr., <i>Lic.</i>	'56	99	58	0	6	0	4	4	45	82	81	28	109	0	10	1,905	5,000
* 97 Pearson, Union Hill	1892	D. Simpson	'57-'55	114	65							60	168	57	225	0	0	2,820	*17,500
* 98 Richland, 1st	1901	S. M. Penn	'13-'53	35	0	2	5	0	1	1	—	23	0	45	15	60	0	1,050	x *15,000
99 " Providence Chap.	1846	(Part time supply)		30	0	0	0	0	4	4	20	—	0	0	0	0	0	360	4,000
* 100 The Rock, Bethany	1886	y R. J. Ellerbee	'38-'48	28	12	0	0	0	1	1	—	—	26	9	35	0	0	359	2,200
* 101 Tifton, 1st	1952	A. G. Bedford, <i>Sup.</i>	'45-'55	51	10	6	14	0	2	6	38	56	17	12	4	16	0	4,240	40,000
* 102 " Vanceville	1953	y O. L. Culpepper, <i>Lic.</i>	'56	78	0	0	1	3	1	4	—	—	101	34	135	200	50	900	7,500
* 103 Waycross, Williams Chap.	1891	B. E. Knight	'42-'55	163	71	10	18	1	0	1	—	70	98	52	150	0	0	3,475	*18,000

a Interim pastor

b Lic., Asso.

d Asst.

CHURCHES		MINISTERS		MEMBERS		Admitted		Removed		Average Attendance	Church School Membership	Young People's Organizations	OUR CHRISTIAN WORLD MISSION			OTHER GIFTS		Local Finances	
Cities or Towns	Org.	Names	Ord. Clid.	Total	Ab.	C.	Total	D.	L.	Total			Apportionment			Cong. Chr.	Non Cong. Chr.	Home Exp.	Value Church Property
* 104 Woodbury, Jones Chap.	1894	W. W. Elder	'15-'52	136	20	1	5	1	0	4	65	77	53	17	70	0	0	1,557	x 6,000
* 105 Charleston, Circular, S. C.	1681	A. B. Bedford, i	'17-'51	221	6	48	48	1	6	31	—	172	684	254	938	160	62	10,266	x 120,000
<b>KENTUCKY-TENNESSEE CONFERENCE</b>																			
		Kentucky																	
* 106 Corbin, Pilgrim	1886	C. H. Drake, Jr.	'45-'56	38	6	0	2	0	0	0	—	—	96	49	145	0	0	1,800	*15,000
* 107 Everts, 1st	1892	R. H. Lasseter, i	'52-'56	87	17	3	11	0	0	1	—	45	310	103	413	387	0	5,384	*100,000
* 108 Stearns, Com.	1918	G. S. Hunt	'28-'44	45	3	0	0	0	2	2	25	29	75	35	110	0	98	2,950	30,000
		Tennessee																	
* 109 Chattanooga, Pilgrim	1914	A. Slater	'32-'44	319	28	3	14	4	10	45	140	190	2,068	850	2,918	251	214	15,743	x *145,000
* 110 Crossville, 1st	1888	A. Nightingale, <i>Sup.</i>	'13-'24	76	15	1	5	0	0	0	—	45	5	266	149	415	25	2,680	x 15,000
* 111 Daisy, 1st	1929	y W. F. Crosby, <i>Meth. Lic.</i>	'56	64	7	0	1	0	0	14	—	87	15	206	69	275	20	3,919	*35,000
* 112 Deer Lodge	1887	y H. C. Weaver	'48-'56	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	—	63	41	14	55	0	0	1,075	2,000
* 113 Glen Mary (1885)	1926	y H. C. Weaver	'48-'56	10	4	1	2	0	0	0	30	33	36	13	49	0	0	1,150	2,000
* 114 Nashville, Brookmeade	1953	C. C. Flannery	'36-'56	64	9	0	32	1	4	5	55	56	10	214	120	334	0	6,569	x *65,000
* 115 Pleasant Hill, Com.	1885	P. R. Reynolds, i	'18-'54	80	0	5	6	1	2	3	65	65	35	644	1,282	1,926	50	3,076	*25,000
		(H. Henderson, <i>Lic., Asso.</i> )	'55																
* 116 Robbins, Barton Chap.	1885	y H. C. Weaver	'48-'56	22	0	0	3	1	0	1	25	31	92	31	123	0	0	2,447	*25,000
* 117 Soddy, 1st	1863	y W. F. Crosby, <i>Meth. Lic.</i>	'56	82	0	0	0	0	2	4	35	31	10	160	59	219	25	2,039	x *35,000
Totals:				9,143	1,647	249	539	84	205	738	57	5,946	614	1,013	1,627	3,005	2,720	276,286	2,525,368

CHURCHES TRANSFERRED: Memphis, 1st to Mo. Conf.

CHURCHES: 117. Served by pastors: 90 (installed 4; recognized 2; other Cong. Chr. 51; other denom. 2; licentiates 29; unclassified 2). Part time supplies 18. Inactive churches 6. Vacant churches 3. No. pastors serving 68.

MINISTERS IN FULL STANDING: 96 (pastors 54; others 42).

NO. OF CHURCHES REPORTING: Av. Ch. Attendance 33; Ch. School 95; Y.P. Org. 46; Home Expenses 85; New Buildings and Improvements 32 (amount \$75,504); Payment on Principal of Bldg. Debts 10 (amount \$9,922); Church Property 85; Debts 4 (amount \$22,414); Invested Funds 4 (amount \$168,600); Parsonage 36.

NO. OF CHURCHES CONTRIBUTING TO APPOINTMENT AND OTHER BENEVOLENCES: 96 (amount \$31,306); On apportionment 89 (State Conf. 89; National Boards 89); Other Gifts 53.

SALARIES: No. churches and yoked fields reporting 67 (amount \$145,798). Part time supplies 39 (amount \$37,356). Pastoral Units 28. Average Salary for regular service \$3,873.

LEGACIES: No. 73, \$1,000; No. 105, \$1,000.

YOKED CHURCHES: Nos. 4-7; 12-35; 14-37; 16-24-26-27; 17-32; 19-31; 30-36; 38-41-42; 46-56; 48-55; 49-57; 50-51; 62-63; 64-65-66; 67-70; 75-78; 79-94; 88-102; 91-100; 111-117; 112-113-116.

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## PROJECT OF THE MONTH

In *Yankees in Paradise*, Bradford Smith's book about the early days of the American Board's mission to the Sandwich (Hawaiian) Islands, we read that the first gift presented to the king was a fine Bible from the American Bible Society. We are told that the king was delighted with this gift and would listen by the hour to stories of the creation and life of Jesus. He and his queen immediately began to learn to read.

In another group of islands in the Pacific, two young missionaries are now in their second term of service for the express purpose of translation and revision of the Marshallese Bible. They are in a sense working against time for the American Bible Society will not print more copies of the present translation, since it is incomplete and in many places inaccurate, and the copies which the people now have are fast wearing out. The people of the Marshall Islands cherish the Bible which was brought to them by Christian missionaries over 100 years ago—what joy it will be for them when they can replace their tattered Bibles with a fresh and accurate translation of God's word. Thus it has been and thus it still is, all around the world, the distribution and translation of the Bible

## EVANGELISM IN THE LOCAL CHURCH

(A suggested year's program)

OCTOBER: Visitation Evangelism with one week of recruiting and training; one week of visitation.

NOVEMBER: Two weeks of concentrated Revival Pulpit Evangelism.

DEC. & JAN.: Assimilating the new converts and members into the total program of the church.

FEBRUARY: Pastor organizes a "Fisherman's Club."

MARCH: Plan and Promote Holy Week Services with special preaching and teaching.

APRIL: Holy Week Services carried out; tithers registered; Mid-week Bible Study organized.

MAY: Plan and promote six Sunday night sermons on "Great Words of the Gospel."

JUNE: Vacation Bible School.

JULY: Youth Summer Conferences; organize pre-service prayer cells.

AUGUST: Plan and promote a special week of Youth Evangelism.

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SEPTEMBER: Sunday School attendance campaign.

These goals were planned by the SEC Committee on Evangelism, Dr. John B. Crutcher, chairman. The suggested year's program will be mailed out to all ministers and church clerks in more detailed form, which will be helpful to the local church in following through on all (or any part) of the program. Watch for the information!

### Tomorrow Together

Registrations are pouring in for the historical first meeting of the men of THE UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST to be held Aug. 23-24-25 at Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio. Here is your opportunity to make history, and to enjoy three days of good singing, fellowship, Bible study, inspiring addresses, discussions, communion service and time for swapping experiences. The total cost is \$20, including registration, lodging and seven meals.

A car load from your church, sharing expenses, would cut the cost of transportation to \$10 to \$12 each, making the total cost for the entire trip approximately \$30 to \$35. In some cases the local fellowships are paying the expenses of their representatives, or sharing the expenses with the delegates. In others the representatives are paying their own expenses. The important thing is, THEY ARE COMING. Join us in Oberlin in August!

A reminder to ministers, church clerks and leading laymen: please return the cards sent you in the June 5th mailing so we can set up our records. We will welcome voluntary contributions to carry out the program of the Churchmen's Fellowship. Plans are in the making for a big Fall Rally and Workshop on Nov. 16 - 17 for churchmen of the Southeast Convention with Walter Graham, Director National Laymen's Fellowship, and Ken Gohler, Executive Secretary of the E. & R. Churchmen's Brotherhood, on the program.

—A. B. Snell, President



# Church News.....



REV. HAROLD W. FREER

## New Pastor at Crossville

The Rev. Harold Wiley Freer, of Cleveland, Ohio, assumed his duties as pastor of First Congregational Christian Church of Crossville, Tenn., on July 1st. Mr. Freer had been a frequent visitor in the home of the Rev. Abram Nightingale, former pastor, over the years and is well known to the area.

After serving as minister in churches in New York, New Jersey and Ohio, Mr. Freer became director of the Spiritual Life Clinic in Cleveland two years ago. This is a religious counseling service, with personal counseling for individuals and group counseling for prayer study classes throughout the metropolitan area.

Mr. Freer is co-author of **Two or Three Together**, a definitive book on prayer groups published by Harper, and has written magazine articles and news stories. He is in demand as a lecturer on prayer and the devotional life and on the relationship of religion to health.

Mr. Freer is a graduate of the University of Southern California and of Theological Seminary, New York City. He is married and has two children: Arthur, 19, an aerial photographer in the Navy, stationed in San Diego; and Dierdre, 7.

Mr. Freer expects to establish prayer study classes in the Congregational

Church, which will be open for training to people of other churches. He will also continue his work as a personal counselor in the Crossville area.

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"Homecoming at Fredonia"! What pleasant thoughts those words conjure up! Thoughts of the inspiring services at the historic old church where generations of Redbone residents have worshipped; thoughts of the fine fellowship among the hosts and guests from far and near; thoughts of the bounteous meal prepared by loving hands; and thoughts of the afternoon song service in which everyone joins with gusto.

June 16 brought reality to these thoughts, for again there gathered scores of relatives and friends for the annual homecoming services at Fredonia Church, 103 years old.

The pastor, young Sam Nelson, is a student at Emory University in Atlanta and holds services twice monthly. He has gained the affection of the people of the entire community, as well as those of his own congregation. They have learned to admire and respect the earnest young minister and his attractive wife. On June 16 he took particular pride in introducing the Rev. James H. Lightbourne Jr., Superintendent of the Southeast Convention, as the guest preacher. Mr. Lightbourne preached one of the most impressive sermons heard here recently, paying tribute to heritage, to ancestry, and to history.

In the afternoon the song session was enjoyed, and another talk was made —From Barnesville News-Gazette by Mr. Lightbourne.

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A. L. Luce Sr. led the congregation of the Ft. Valley Society Hill Church in the Father's Day service on June 16. He gave a wonderful sermon; we are always pleased to have him come to our church.

Our average attendance for Sunday School was 53 and our church average attendance was 70 for the month of May.

We are looking forward to having Supt. James H. Lightbourne Jr. preach for us on Sept 2, our homecoming day. Revival meetings will be held each night during the following week.

—Mrs. Bobby Jones, reporter

The Rev. John B. Crutcher, pastor of Phenix City United Church, has been honored by the trustees of the American Divinity School of Chicago with the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity. Mr. Crutcher is president of the Phenix City Ministerial Association and had a major role in leading some 35 member churches in Phenix City's first combined, inter-denominational revival in May. He also preached the sermon for the Easter sunrise service, the second annual union service of all the churches. The idea for the precedent-setting revival originated with Mr. Crutcher and the Rev. Ralph Nichols, ministerial association secretary.

Mr. Crutcher is chairman of the SEC Evangelism Committee.

The United Church has recently installed air-conditioning equipment and a new carpet for the sanctuary, and purchased a set of Sudbury brass cross and candlesticks for the communion table. Nine new members were received in May on profession of faith.

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Pictured below is a group of the children who attended the very successful Vacation Bible School held June 10-21 in the Oxford Sardis Church, under the leadership of the Rev. and Mrs. Wm. H. Taylor of Decatur, Ga. Mr. Taylor is a student at Columbia Seminary and is pastor of the church.

Ten different churches of the community were represented, and members of the church ran a bus to pick up the children and take them home each day. Enrollment was 107, with an average attendance of 73, and 42 of the pupils had a perfect attendance record. There were 13 leaders teaching in the school,

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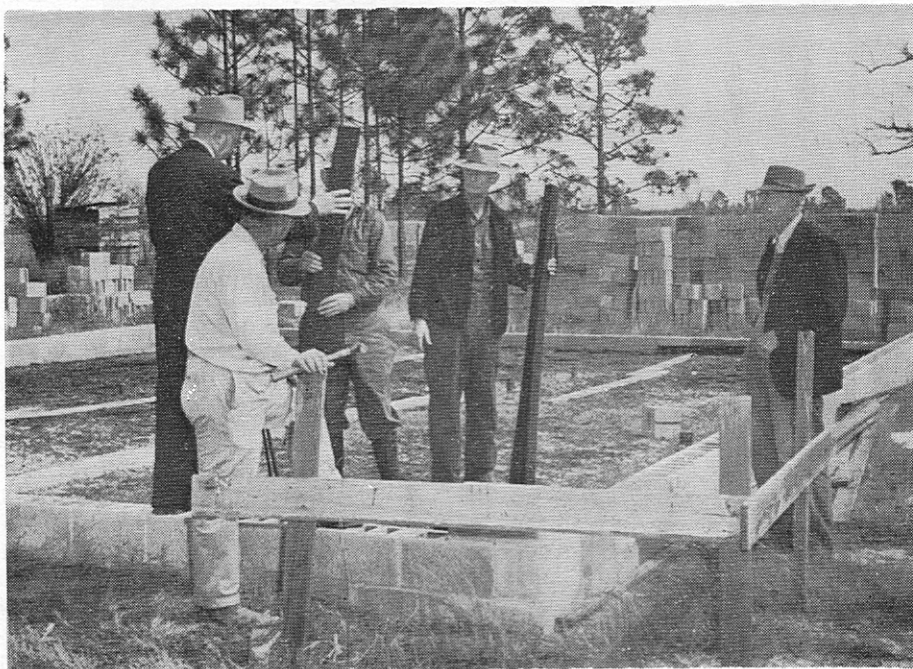
## Church Builders Club

As the Southeast becomes more and more industrialized, there will be more and more shifting of population from farms to cities, resulting in the loss of more and more good Congregational Christians to other denominations simply because they have moved into areas where there were no Congregational Christian churches.

A survey made in Knoxville, Tenn., last year disclosed at least 35 people with Congregational Christian background. Until the recent establishment of a church there, they had no church to attend. Surveys in other cities would no doubt reveal a similar pattern. There is only one way to stop this constant loss of membership, and that is to build more churches in the areas where they are needed.

The purpose of the Church Builders Club is to help build churches, in cooperation with the Southeast Convention, in the locations deemed most urgently in need and most worthy of consideration by the Survey and Church Aid Committee of the SEC. It is not the plan of the CBC to build churches for individuals, or for a group of individuals, but a church to fill a community need, serving God and Christ, and thus strengthening the total fellowship.

As individuals our first loyalty is to God and Christ; our second is to our own church and the total fellowship to which it belongs. The total fellowship, through its boards and agencies, gives our denomination purpose, meaning, and strength, and in many cases has made possible the existence of our own church through building loans, grants, financial aid and moral support. If it was good stewardship for others to help build and strengthen our own church, isn't it good stewardship for us to help establish other churches that new congregations may serve God and Christ in a liberal Congregational Christian Church? God must love those individuals and churches who help build His Kingdom, because those that help the most seem to grow in stature and strength. Look around you at your sis-



The New Light Congregational Christian Church near Doerun as it looked in February when members of the congregation prepared to pour the concrete floor. (Left to right) W. C. Carpenter, C. C. Phillips, Revis Smith, E. E. Smith, and J. N. Clayton.

By now the walls are up, the roof raised, and members are using the church as it is being completed.

ter churches and the churches in your own community and observe which ones are following the command: "Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations . . ."

Five dollars from each of us to help establish a new church is not much; but your \$5 and my \$5 added to that of many others who believe in Congregational freedom and the Christian way of life can mean the difference between building that much-needed church or of letting more of our members drift into other denominations.

Remember, our Southland will be no better place to live than the churches you and I help to build.

—Board of Trustees of the  
Church Builders Club

## Church News . . .

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The Langdale Church held its Vacation Bible School in June with 69 enrolled.

The pastor, the Rev. Carroll Lewis, and his wife are attending the four-week pastor's school at Emory University in Atlanta.

A number of members attended the revival meetings at Lanett, Todd, Bethel and Huguley. Randall Sims was the pianist at Huguley and Mrs. Willie Sides at Bethel.

The church has been most interested in the fine work being done by A. A. Pee Wee Duncan was the special speaker at the A. A. meeting in Carrollton, Ga., recently. A number from the church were in attendance at the special meeting at Kilby Prison in May.

The East Alabama-West Georgia men met at Langdale on May 25.

A special drive for subscriptions to SOUTHEAST NEWS is being conducted by the pastor, assisted by Misses Linda Sides and Ellen Hull. The goal is 50 subscriptions.

—From Church Newsletter